

## EARLY START COLUMBUS

### LINDEN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

#### Technical Assistance Meeting

Monday, June 20, 2016

#### Questions and Answers

- 1. Question:** What social services will be provided and will they be “built in”?

**Answer:** *While Columbus City Schools (CCS) is developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a Shared Use Agreement (SUA) that will specifically identify these criteria, CCS will make sure that all of the services provided in the building are available for all of the children. As an example, CCS has already hired a parent engagement specialist that will also serve the parents of the children enrolled in the community-based provider (CBP) classrooms. In addition CCS special education services and CCS nurses will also be available for children in CBP classrooms.*
- 2. Question:** Has the City spoken with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) about the acceptability of multiple providers being licensed to provide services in the same facility?

**Answer:** *Many providers already operate at locations with multiple licensed providers. Currently, CBPs operate classrooms in many CCS buildings.*
- 3. Question:** As CCS will operate four (4) of the six (6) available classrooms, should applicants request no more than 40 slots?

**Answer:** *Yes. Correct.*

(Note: When the application was written, it was assumed that CCS would operate three (3) of the six (6) classrooms. Applicants were instructed to request no more than 60 slots. With this new information, applicants are required to request no more than 40 slots.)
- 4. Question:** What is the long-term projected number of units in the center that CCS will operate versus how many will be operated by CBPs?

**Answer:** *There are 14 total classrooms in the center. While the distribution has not been determined, it is the desire of CCS to an equal number operated by both sectors.*



5. **Question:** Will CCS recruit children to be enrolled in all of the classrooms?  
**Answer:** Yes, CCS will recruit the children for both the CCS and the CBP classrooms.
6. **Question:** Will there be dedicated office space for non-teaching CBP staff?  
**Answer:** *Not at this time.*
7. **Question:** Will transportation be provided?  
**Answer:** *No. However, it was noted that a lot of the population is in walking distance to the school. However, transportation will be provided for students with special needs.*
8. **Question:** What is the compensation level of a first year teacher in CCS?  
**Answer:** *the 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher salary schedule is approximately \$42,334.*
9. **Question:** What is the salary schedule for an instructional assistant at CCS?  
**Answer:** *The Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) schedule for teaching assistants is \$13.50 per hour.*
10. **Question:** Are CBPs expected to provide before and after school care to students in CCS classrooms?  
**Answer:** *No. However, CBPs may provide such care if they choose to do so.*
11. **Question:** Will CCS provide meals to children in CBP classrooms?  
**Answer:** *Yes, CCS will provide food services – meals and snacks – to children in CBP classrooms.*
12. **Question:** Will CCS have liability insurance to cover accidents to children in the building?  
**Answer:** *CCS will check on this. However, both CCS and CBP should have some type of insurance coverage. CBPs are encouraged to contact their insurance provider.*
13. **Question:** Are CBPs responsible for substitute teachers for their classrooms.  
**Answer:** *CCS is checking on this. It might be possible for CCS to provide substitutes for CBP classrooms. In this situation, CBPs would be charged a rate for the use of the substitute teacher.*
14. **Question:** As CCS will recruit children to be enrolled in all classrooms, will they also recruit teachers for CBP classrooms?



**Answer:** Yes.

**15. Question:** As the center will not open until a to-be-determined date in the Fall of 2016, when should CBPs hire their teachers?

**Answer:** *CCS is working on some guidance on this issue. However, CCS will notify awarded CBPs of a start date as soon as they are able to do so.*

**16. Question:** Will there be professional development offered before the center opens to focus on this new collaborative effort and approach?

**Answer:** Yes.

**17. Question:** Who will provide the classroom furniture, books and curriculum, and classroom technology?

**Answer:** *CCS will provide all of those items.*

**18. Question:** Will there be a playground?

**Answer:** *Yes, even during renovations, there will be a safe playground.*

